

EMS Committee
Meeting Minutes
3760 S. Highland Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84106
3rd Floor Auditorium
Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members:	Mike Mathieu, Lynn Yeates, Ray Price M.D., Michael Moffitt, Kris Kemp M.D., Kevin Johnson, Bob Grow M.D., Margy Baker, Jay Downs, Jeri Johnson, Jason Nicholl, Breck Rushton, and Marjean Hansen.
Excused:	Steve Pehrson, and Mario Sanchez
Guests:	Ricky Evans, Paul Sullivan, Ryan Eckardt, Jack Meersman, Mike Owens, Jason Poulsen, Mark Beckraft, Nathan Curtis, Marty Wilson, Jeff Bassett, Jim Rampton, Tim Norris, Jess L. Campbell, Rick Howard, Jerry Lund, Kassidee Brown, Layne Pace, Chad Tucker, Tammy Barton, Owen Anderson, Alton Giles, Matt Taylor, Kenny Johnson, Dana Shaw, Ross Fowlkes, and Shelley Peterson.
Staff:	Paul Patrick, Jolene Whitney, Peter Taillac, Guy Dansie, Allan Liu, Josh Legler, Tami Goodin, Jim Hansen, Jenny Allred, Dennis Bang, and Annalyn Beers.
Presiding:	Mike Mathieu

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Action
	<u>Welcome</u>	
Introduction of Committee Members and Bureau Staff	All present committee members introduced themselves, as well as all present Bureau of EMS and Preparedness staff introduced themselves.	
	<u>Action Items:</u>	
Approval of Minutes	EMS Committee reviewed minutes from July meeting. The minutes were approved.	Lynn Yeates made the motion to approve the July meeting minutes. Kris Kemp M.D. seconded the motion. No members opposed, none abstained; Motion carried.
Subcommittee Replacements	<p>Breck Rushton provided the committee with eligible applicant, Chris Ellis, R.N. Chris Ellis is also a Basic EMT. Chris was recommended to represent the Industrial Corporate EMS Representative on the Professional Development Subcommittee.</p> <p>There are currently openings for the Operations and Professional Development Subcommittees which will be announced on the bureau website.</p>	Breck Rushton made the motion for Chris Ellis to represent the Industrial Corporate position on the Professional Development Subcommittee. Jay Downs seconded the motion. None opposed, none abstained; Motion carried.
Proposed Rule Consolidation 1. 26-8a-105	<p>Paul Patrick introduced the process of the proposed rule change. Since ambulance licensure applications and renewals are being processed, dates have been scheduled in order to resolve overlaps and proceedings.</p> <p>Paul declared the need for a voluntary task according to Section 105; 26-8a-105 (3) which states, "The department shall: establish a voluntary task force representing a diversity of emergency medical service providers to advise the department and the committee on rules;"</p> <p>This is an asset that the Committee should not be without at this crucial time of rule review. There are nine consolidated rules that need to be reviewed.</p> <p>The task force would be used to review the rules and make recommendations. Paul advised having a representative from the EMS Committee as co-chair and also a representative from the Bureau of</p>	Kevin Johnson made the motion to accept the requests for Dennis Bang to stand and Mike Moffitt to stand as co-chairs for the rule review task force. The EMS Committee will assist with recommendations to establish the task force and will support the task force for successful results. Breck Rushton seconded the motion. None opposed, none abstained; Motion carried.

	<p>EMS as co-chair. Paul assigned Dennis Bang to represent the Bureau as co-chair on the Rule Review Task Force. Breck Rushton recommended Mike Moffitt to represent the EMS Committee. Peter Taillac M.D., offered medical direction support to the task force.</p> <p>Volunteers who would like to be on the task force need to contact Annalyn Beers. The task force needs to be established and a meeting needs to be organized by November 9, 2011. Annalyn will send out the meeting notice to the volunteers as well as the rules for review. The task force will need to report back to the EMS Committee with a status report at the January and April meetings.</p>	
2. Group One R426-1 thru 5	Paul introduced the groups and the different rules each contains. Group One consists of R426-1; General Definitions, R426-2; Designations, R426-3; Licensure, R426-4; Operations, and R426-5; Training and Certification Standards.	
3. Group Two R426-6 thru 9	<p>Group Two rules consist of R426-6; Trauma, R426-7; Data, R426-8; Grants, and R426-9; Rates.</p> <p>The Trauma System Advisory Committee has authority over the Trauma rules and will be reviewed at their next meeting in December.</p>	
Staffing Proposal	<p>The Staffing Proposal which was presented at the July meeting has been brought back due to language confusion. Paul Patrick portrayed the importance of EMS service being provided at any level is beneficial to communities especially in remote rural areas. This was a hot topic of discussion at a National EMS Directors meeting Paul attended. He stated many other states are granting several waivers in able to accommodate the rural and urban areas with appropriate medical care.</p> <p>The staffing proposal is a one paramedic staff response versus a two paramedic staff response. The current rule requires two paramedics on scene although that does not always mean two paramedics continue the transport. Waivers are being requested and approved for either single paramedic response staff or left-open ended to accommodate the diverse agencies and their communities.</p> <p>Comments and concerns were expressed from the guests regarding the staffing proposal. The staffing proposal will be examined further by the Rule Review Task Force.</p>	
Subcommittee Meetings	<p>Paul Patrick discussed a change for the subcommittees meeting schedules in order to provide the EMS Committee with a report on the agenda items discussed at previous meetings. It is proposed that the Operations Subcommittee and the Professional Development Subcommittee meet one month after the EMS Committee. Changing the meeting schedule would help maintain the rule approval process as well as clarify agenda items in general. The purpose of subcommittees is to provide information and support staff to assist with the decisions made.</p> <p>Paul made the recommendation of assigning at least two members of the EMS Committee to attend each subcommittee meeting. Jay Downs and Marjean Hansen will attend the Operations Subcommittee meetings. Jeri Johnson and Margy Baker will attend the Professional Development meetings.</p>	<p>Lynn Yeates made the motion to accept the recommendation for the Operations Subcommittee and Professional Development Subcommittee meetings to be rearranged. This excludes the Grants Subcommittee. Both subcommittees will meet the second Wednesday of the month following the EMS Committee meeting. Jeri Johnson seconded the motion. No members opposed, none abstained; Motion carried.</p>
Subcommittee	Chad Tucker reported the Operations Subcommittee was able to review	

Reports 1. Operations Subcommittee	<p>the Governor's rules and revisions in the last meeting and they approve of the changes that were presented.</p> <p>Chad Tucker stated the Operations Subcommittee opposes the process of the Staffing Proposal being presented to their committee. Operations Subcommittee had voted on submitting a letter to the EMS Committee, requesting the Committee reviews the proposal more thoroughly in order to accommodate everyone, before making a decision. The letter was presented.</p>	
2. Professional Development Subcommittee	Marty Wilson reported the review of rules and revisions from the Professional Development Subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee voted against the requirement of TB testing for dispatchers. Other changes included the wording for AEMT curricula and PHTLS requirements. Marty announced the subcommittee will be pulling together a task force in the future to focus on the PHTLS requirements in depth. Mike Mathieu made the recommendation of having the Rule Review Task Force reviewing the PHTLS requirements.	
3. Grants Subcommittee Meeting	Allan Liu reported on the competitive grant guidelines. The subcommittee is in the process of clarifying grants for fiscal year 2013.	Jay Downs made the motion to accept and approve the competitive grant guidelines. Jeri Johnson seconded the motion. No members opposed, none abstained; Motion carried.
Paramedic Staffing Waiver (Wasatch County EMS)	<p>Tami Goodin introduced Mike Owens with Wasatch County EMS and Wasatch County Medical Director, Dr. Kris Kemp. Mike expressed the desire to act as a paramedic agency when paramedics are available. Mike gave an overview of the IA-level agency and its assets.</p> <p>Mike presented the request to allow their certified paramedics to run at the paramedic level. He stated their training program is up to paramedic training standards. The county has long transport times and works with Wasatch County Search and Rescue. The ultimate goal for Wasatch County is to become a full-time agency.</p> <p>Documentation and letters supporting the waiver request were presented. Mike Mathieu clarified the waiver request process and asked the committee for comments.</p>	Jason Nicholl made the motion to accept the variance request for 911 paramedic ground ambulance calls and inter-facility transports within the scope of an existing paramedic. Michael Moffitt seconded the motion. No members opposed, none abstained; Motion carried.
Subcommittee Assignments	Professional Development Subcommittee was assigned to review an equivalency of the PHTLS recommendations as well as what is required for the EMT level.	
Informational Items	There were no informational items.	
End of Meeting	Next Meeting is January 18, 2012 at 1:00 pm. Located in 3 rd Floor Auditorium at 3760 S. Highland Drive, Salt Lake City, UT 84106.	Mike Moffitt made the motion to adjourn. Jason Nicholl seconded.